

COVINGTON VILLAGE COUNCIL

Covington Village Council met in a regular meeting on Monday, December 1, 2014 at the Village office at 1 S. High St. Covington. Mayor Ed McCord called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The following roll call was taken for council:

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| Present: | Bud Weer Lois Newman Keith Warner Scott Tobias Doris Beeman Joyce Robertson |
| Absent: | none |

The council packet included minutes from the 11/17/14 meeting, check list (8093-8120), village administrator report, Ord 17-14, Ord 19-14, R29-14, R32-14, R33-14, a request from the fiscal officer to increase appropriations in the State Hwy fund to \$28,000, and a full financial packet including Nov Income tax report, fund balances and receipt and expense status reports.

Nonmembers present include Frank Patrizio-Attorney, Mike Busse-Village Administrator, Carmen Siefring-Fiscal Officer, Chief Harmon and the newspaper.

Agenda:

A motion was made by Beeman and seconded by Tobias to approve the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried.

Minutes:

The minutes from the 11/17/14 meeting are approved as read.

Bills/Financials

There were no questions regarding the fund balance sheet or bills. A motion was made by Beeman and seconded by Warner to approve the bills. All ayes. Motion carried.

Visitors –

Nikki Reese gave a fair housing presentation and distributed literature for the Village to display. The Village received CDBG money and is required to distribute Fair Housing Law information.

Mayors Report

- The mayor publicly thanked the Ron and Judy Schultz, Mr. Dunn and the Presbyterian Church for the Village employee breakfast.
- Mr. McCord said he received a thank you from the Fields of Grace Church for use of the trash truck at the Thanksgiving dinner. They served over 1000 dinners.
- The mayor requested that council approve the 2015 goals at the next meeting.

Village Administrator Report-the following topics were addressed:

- Spring St update – The 42” storm has crossed Main St. This week they will complete the installation through High St.
- We have received a second load of road salt from Cargil out of Toledo @ \$165/ton.

- The demolition of 110 Pearl should be complete the second week of December.
- The Village Administrator provided a timetable for the wastewater treatment plant phase 1.
- We are planning to have a draft budget for Council's review at the next meeting.
- The City of St Marys' staff has taken possession of the Village tax records. The Village will need to open a pass-through checking account with Minster State Bank for income tax deposits. Council discussed hiring a part-time Village employee to work from 2/1/15 through 4/17/15 at 7 hours a week at \$20/hr to assist Village residents with their Village income tax form. Council authorized the Village Administrator to advertise for applicants.

Legislation

- Council held the 3rd reading of Ordinance 17-14 *Authorizing the Village Police Department to Issue Parking Tickets and Establishing Penalties*. A motion was made by Tobias and seconded by Newman to approve the ordinance. All ayes. Motion carried.
- Council held the 2nd reading of Resolution R29-14 *Authorizing the Village Administrator to Enter into a 4-Year Contract with the Covington Rescue Squad for Emergency Medical Services at a Contract Amount of \$97,000*.
- A motion to suspend the rules was made by Tobias and seconded by Robertson. All ayes. Motion carried. A motion to approve *Resolution R32-14 Terminating the Employment Services of the Firefighters Employed by the Village of Covington Fire Department* was made by Tobias and seconded by Beeman. All ayes. Motion carried.
- A motion to suspend the rules was made by Tobias and seconded by Warner. All ayes. Motion carried. A motion to approve *Resolution R33-14 Accepting the Annexation of 6.975 Acres from Newberry Township into the Village of Covington (school property)* was made by Tobias and seconded by Beeman. All ayes. Motion carried.
- A motion to suspend the rules was made by Tobias and seconded by Beeman. All ayes. Motion carried. A motion to approve Ordinance 19-14 Amending the 2014 Appropriations by Increasing the State Highway Fund Appropriations by \$25,000 to a Total of \$28,000 for the 2014 repaving was made by Beeman and seconded by Tobias. All ayes. Motion carried.
- A motion to suspend the rules was made by Tobias and seconded by Beeman. BW, JR, DB, ST, KW - ayes. LN-no. Motion carried. A motion to approve *Resolution R34-14 Authorizing the Village Administrator and Fiscal Officer to Open a checking Account with Minster State Bank for Income Collection Deposits* was made by Tobias and seconded by Beeman. BW, JR, DB, ST, KW-ayes. LN-no. Motion carried.

Spring St.

Brice from Access Engineering was present. Council held a discussion on Spring Street road closure and it will affect traffic and the post office. Following the discussion Brice presented application #1 from VTF for materials stored on site and work to date in the amount of \$340,326.40. The entire CDBG grant of \$335,000 will be used for payment and the balance will be paid with OPWC phase 1 grant money.

Police

- A motion was made by Beeman and seconded by Tobias to accept a donation of \$5,090 from the Community Chest for bulletproof vests. All ayes. Motion carried. A thank you was noted to the Community Chest for their generous support.
- A motion was made by Weer and seconded by Robertson to accept the resignation of Jeremy Bubeck effective 11/30/14 as a fulltime police officer. All ayes. Motion carried. Jeremy has accepted a position with the Miami County Sheriff. Council approved the transfer of his used bulletproof vest to the Sheriff's Department at no cost. It had originally been purchased with donated funds.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Newman and seconded by Tobias to enter executive session to discuss personnel issues. All ayes. Motion carried. 8:00

A motion was made by Newman and seconded by Robertson to leave executive session. All ayes. Motion carried. 8:50

Adjourn

A motion was made by Weer and seconded by Newman to adjourn. All ayes. Motion carried. 8.:55

Fiscal Officer

Mayor